GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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INCREASING ACCIDENTS ON EXPRESSWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether accidents on expressways have increased during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, expressway and State-wise including Maharashtra alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a) & (b) No Sir. Road Accidents on National Highways including Expressways have shown a marginal downward trend. State wise break- up of number of road accidents on National Highways (including expressways) from 2006 to 2008 (latest available data) is given at Annexure. Accident data is compiled in the Ministry in a format developed as per the Asia Pacific Road Accident Database (APRAD) project of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (UNESCAP). In this format, specific Expressway wise data is not compiled.

(c) The safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, this Ministry has taken several steps to improve road safety for road users which are as under:

(i) Road safety is an integral part of road design at the planning stage for National Highways/Expressways.

(ii) Various steps to enhance road safety such as road furniture, road markings/road signs, introduction of Highway Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, and enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, road safety audit on selected stretches, have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India.

(iii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector being implemented by the Ministry since 1997-98 under plan activities.

(iv) Setting up of Driving Training Schools in the country.

(v) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness both through the audio-visual and print media.

(vi) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(vii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.

(viii) Providing cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed stretches of National Highways under its Operation & Maintenance contracts.

(ix) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.